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## Letter to Governor-elect Paul B. Johnson, Sr.

Martha Alice Stewart

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Miss Martha Alice Stewart,  
Parchman, Miss.

Dear Miss Stewart,-

For a long time I have pledged myself that I would write you, and then get busy and not attend to it. Never-the-less I have thought of you plenty since I have had the pleasure of seeing you. Many times I have thought that my work would lead me up that way and I would run by and say hello anyway. However it seems that fate has been against me in that cherished desire and have kept me busy in the southern part of the state.

I have been selling paving for more than two years. Have been able to earn a living and get my family on their feet and accumulate a little as well. I have had to keep one boy in college and that has, and is taking some cash, as you may know, and kinder get the others straighten out. All are working and doing fine. Most of them even better than I and that don't make me mad, either.

Miss Stewart, honestly there is no one that appreciates the many courtesies extended me while up there...taking my post-graduate course.. any more than I do. You were wonderful to me and I will always have a very warm heart for you. You didn't have to be nice to me, but you did, and that sank deep in my being. Deeper than you possibly will ever know, and there is nothing reasonable that I would not do for you. I think that it is fine to know a person like you, and hell not to be able to see them often. Life is a funny thing, yet glorious when we know nice people that we appreciate and love.

If I should ever be able to come that way I will surely see you and hope to have the opportunity of having a little of your time to chat, about people and things, as of days gone by, but different.

I am really enjoying life as I have never before. The future looks mighty nice to me. Things will right themselves ere the curtain falls. I have kept my head in the air and have retrieved what, if any, I lost by the dreadful experience. Just the same dreadful as it was, there are some mighty nice oasis along the way.

If you have the inclination to write would like to hear from you. The above address is my office address and I will be glad to have a line if you have the time and inclination. Give my regards to Clark, if she is there. I remain,

Your friend

*Bura Hilburn*